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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A utility table comprising:

a blow-molded table top ~~having a first end, a second end, including~~ a top surface and a bottom surface ~~extending between the first end and the second end~~, the blow-molded table top comprising:

a lip extending outwardly from the bottom surface, the lip including ~~having~~ an interior surface, and outer surface, and a bottom surface; and

a first connecting aperture formed in the interior surface of the lip ~~near the first end of the table top~~;

a first sleeve having a first end and a second end, ~~wherein~~ the second end of the first sleeve is being at least partially disposed in the first connecting aperture;

a first table leg ~~having a first end and a second end~~; and

~~a first cross pole having opposing ends, the first cross pole being connected to the first end of the first table leg, wherein one of the ends of the first cross pole is at least partially disposed in the first sleeve~~

a bar including a first end and a second end, the first end of the bar at least partially disposed in the first sleeve; and

a brace assembly connected to the first table leg and the bar.

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2. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a first recess formed in the exterior surface of the lip, wherein the recess is substantially aligned with the first connecting aperture.

3. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 2, wherein the second end of the first sleeve is configured to engage the first recess.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 1, wherein the first end of the first sleeve comprises a fixing plate.

7. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 1, wherein the lip comprises at least one groove.

8. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 7, wherein the at least one groove abuts against the first sleeve.

9. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second connecting aperture formed in the exterior surface of the lip and substantially aligned with the first connecting aperture.

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10. (Currently Amended) The utility table as recited in claim 9, further comprising a second sleeve including ~~having~~ a first end and a second end, the second end being at least partially disposed in the second connecting aperture and substantially aligned with the first sleeve.

11. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 10, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are slidably engaged.

12. (Original) The utility table as recited in claim 10, wherein the first end of the second sleeve comprises a fixing plate.

13-21 (Cancelled)

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Please add the following new claims:

22., (New) A table comprising:

at least one leg movable between an extended position and a collapsed position;

a bar;

a brace assembly including a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the brace assembly being connected to the at least one leg, the second portion of the brace assembly being connected to the bar;

a sleeve, the sleeve receiving a portion of the bar; and

a table top including a top portion, a bottom portion, a hollow interior portion and a lip extending from the bottom portion, the lip including a receiving portion and at least one inwardly extending portion, the receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the sleeve, the at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the sleeve.

23. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion is at least partially formed in an exterior portion of the lip.

24. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the sleeve is configured to engage the at least one inwardly extending portion.

25. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the sleeve receives at least a portion of the inwardly extending portion.

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26. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion is at least partially formed in a bottom portion of the lip.

27. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion comprises at least one groove.

28. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion comprises a plurality of spaced apart grooves abutting a plurality of a spaced apart portions of the sleeve.

29. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the sleeve further includes an outwardly extending portion sized and configured to limit the movement of the sleeve relative to the lip.

30. (New) The table as recited in Claim 29, wherein the outwardly extending portion comprises a peripheral flange.

31. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the sleeve further includes a flange sized and configured to abut a portion of the lip.

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32. (New) The table as recited in Claim 22, wherein the at least one leg comprises a pair of legs; and wherein the brace assembly comprises a V-shaped strut and a support member, the V-shaped strut being connected to the pair of legs, the support member being connected to the V-shaped strut and the bar.

33. (New) A table comprising:

at least one leg movable between an extended position and a collapsed position;

a bar;

a brace assembly including a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the brace assembly being connected to the at least one leg, the second portion of the brace assembly being connected to the bar;

a first sleeve receiving at least a portion of the bar;

a second sleeve receiving at least a portion of the first sleeve; and

a table top including a top portion, a bottom portion, a hollow interior portion and a lip extending from the bottom portion, the lip including a first receiving portion and a second receiving portion, the first receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the first sleeve, the second receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the second sleeve.

34. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the first receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the second receiving portion is at least partially formed in an exterior portion of the lip.

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35. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the second sleeve receives at least a portion of the bar.

36. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are slidably coupled.

37. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the first sleeve includes a flange sized and configured to abut an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the second sleeve includes a flange sized and configured to abut an exterior portion of the lip.

38. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the lip further includes at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the first sleeve.

39. (New) The table as recited in Claim 33, wherein the lip further includes at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the second sleeve.